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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6527

BILL NUMBER: SB 334

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Dispensing of Prescription Drugs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Grooms

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a pharmacist, upon request of the patient, to dispense a 90-day supply of a prescription without notifying the prescriber if the prescription, including refills, allows a pharmacist to dispense at least a 90-day supply.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Background Information: Medicaid:* The current Medicaid policy for maintenance medications limits the dispensed quantity to no more than a 100-day supply. A maintenance medication is defined as a drug that is prescribed for chronic, long-term conditions and is taken on a regular recurring basis.

Nonmaintenance medications are limited to no more than a 34-day supply per dispensation. If the bill would permit a pharmacist to dispense a 90-day supply upon the patient's request, Medicaid would still pay for no more than a 34-day supply.

Employee Healthcare Benefits: Employee benefit plan drug policies would prevail as well. A patient may request a 90-day supply, but benefit plans would pay for the quantities of a dispensed medication as controlled by the particular plan policy.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Employee Healthcare Benefits:* Employee benefit plan drug policies would prevail. A patient may request a 90-day supply, but benefit plans would pay for the quantities of a

dispensed medication as controlled by the particular plan policy.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: OMPP, FSSA

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